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<u>REMARKS</u>

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

Applicant notes that paragraph [0006] has been amended to correct an error of a typographical nature in identifying German Patent Application No. 25 17 299. Moreover, this document is cited on the concurrently submitted Information Disclosure Statement, and a copy of German Patent Application No. 25 17 299 is provide with the Information Disclosure Statement.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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